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NOTE VERBALE DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 2001 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CHILE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE RIO GROUP ON THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Mission of Chile to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to inform it that, on 11 September 2001, the Rio Group issued a communiqué on the terrorist attacks perpetrated in the United States of America earlier that same day.

As Chile is currently exercising the functions of pro tempore secretariat of the Rio Group, the Mission of Chile requests the secretariat to circulate the said communiqué as a document of the Conference on Disarmament.

**Communiqué of the Rio Group on the terrorist attacks which took place
today in the United States**

Santiago, Chile, 11 September 2001

Given the reprehensible terrorist acts that have today struck various cities of the United States and caused massive loss of life, the Rio Group expresses its utmost condemnation of those who perpetrated these barbaric acts and those who instigated them.

We likewise express our full solidarity with and support for the Government and people of the United States of America and we express our hope that the international community will cooperate actively and resolutely in identifying those involved in these acts of terrorism and those who sponsored the preparation and perpetration of acts of this kind. We trust in the rapid, united and concerted action of all Governments in the world so that there may be no impunity for these crimes of international terrorism and that the rules of international criminal law are imposed.

Through the pro tempore secretariat and the troika of the Rio Group, comprising the Ministries for Foreign Affairs of Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica, the Rio Group will continue to monitor the development of these events and stands ready to consult on special coordinated action by member States, if the circumstances render such action advisable.

Santiago, 11 September 2001
